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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 2003 March 18, please amend the above application as follows:

Claims:

141-160. (cancelled)

161. (new): In a firearm having a sear, a trigger, a triggerbar capable of rotation relative to said trigger, and a longitudinally slid able firing element; a passive safety mechanism comprising:

- a. a blocking piece to block said firing element; and
- b. a linkage, distinct from said triggerbar, which connects said trigger and said blocking piece;

characterized in that removal of said linkage will disconnect said triggerbar from said trigger.

2 162. (new): The passive safety mechanism of claim 161 wherein said linkage is slid able.

3 163. (new): The passive safety mechanism of claim 161 wherein said linkage comprises a slid able link.

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